

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 to 5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): A supporting framework, comprising:  
a roller having a radius, a top support surface, and an axis positioned generally horizontally when in a use position;

a carrying frame carrying the roller; and

a plurality of lateral guide elements coupled to the carrying frame, one of the lateral guide elements being positioned adjacent to one of the ends of the roller, another one of the lateral guide elements being positioned adjacent to another one of the ends of the roller, each one of the lateral guide elements having an extension portion with a length which is greater than the radius of the roller, each one of the extension portions being pivotal relative to the carrying frame between an active position and an inactive position, wherein the carrying frame has upwardly extending bearing limbs and further comprising a plurality of catches disposed on each of the bearing limbs and, with the lateral guide elements moved into the active position, project into slots in the lateral guide elements,

the extension portions in the active position extending toward the top support surface of the roller, wherein the extension portions define a free space, the free space positioned between the extension portions in the active position and beyond the top support surface, the free space configured to provide access to the top support surface in the active position, and

the extension portions in the inactive position located outside the free space.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The supporting framework according to claim 6, wherein each catch is formed by a notched portion along a peripheral incision of the bearing limb.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The supporting framework according to claim 6, wherein each lateral guide element is tilted about a fastening location and releases the catch.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The supporting framework according to claim 6, wherein each lateral guide element in the active position is in a generally vertically upwardly oriented position in which the lateral guide element is secured against pivoting by the catch and a fastener projecting through the slot.

Claims 10 to 17 (cancelled).

Claim 18 (currently amended): A roller stand, comprising:

a framework;

a roller support connected to the framework and having a plurality of opposed ends;

a workpiece-supporting roller supported by the roller support between the ends, the workpiece-supporting roller having a radius and a top support surface configured to support a workpiece in a space, at least part of the top support surface extending along an axis;

at least one workpiece guide coupled to one of the ends of the roller support, the workpiece guide having a guide portion with a length which is greater than the radius of the workpiece-supporting roller, the workpiece guide being movable relative to at least one end of the roller support between:

- (a) an active position outside of the space in which the guide portion extends beyond the axis, and
- (b) an inactive position outside of the space in which the guide portion remains below the axis; and

a position retainer associated with the workpiece guide and resisting movement of the workpiece guide from the active position, wherein the position retainer includes a catch protrusion extending into a protrusion-receiving opening, the protrusion-receiving opening is a slot and the position retainer is a stop projection extending into the slot.

Claims 19 to 44 (cancelled).